

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.-----I live in a rural area and only have the choice of one phone company, which I would like to add, that I don't really care for. I like having the choice of who my internet provider is. I presently have a smaller company that I like. In previous years I have had a larger company who in my opinion was not as personable and more expensive I hate waiting on the "automatic" service that the larger companies provide. Smaller companies take time and care to talk to you in person..you are not just another number... The greatest thing about America is our choice of what we want when we want it, by changing this you deny us of just that. It is through these smaller companys that we get "fairness" without them the larger companies would just take over and charge what they like. DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO TAKE OVER, if they are that good, the PEOPLE/Consumer will make their choice if they want them as their provider or NOT.